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Use MARC field 655 for terms indicating “the genre, form, and/or physical characteristics of the materials being described. Essentially, this is the term that indicates what the item ***is***, as opposed to what the item is about. Subfield “a” contains the term and ends in a period; subfield “2” contains the code for the published list from which the term was taken.

For example, a book containing a movie novel is given the following entry:

***655 \_7 Movie novels. ?2 gsafd [or] 655 \_7 ?a Movie novels. ?2 gsafd***

Use MARC field 650 for those same terms when the indicate the topical subject matter of the materials—what they are ***about***. For example, a periodical featuring articles about techniques and legalities of creating novels based on movies might have the following subject heading:

***650 \_0 Movie novels ?v Periodicals [or] 650 \_0 ?a Movie novels ?v Periodicals***

The following list is based on a full listing of genre terms in the 2nd edition of *Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc.,* for which the MARC source code is “gsafd.” **\***

Alternative forms for “gsafd” terms have been added for purposes of comparison. Most of these terms have been standardized in current English usage, and can be found in other published lists of terms. Be aware, however, that guidelines for the *application* of the terms sometimes vary from one list to another. The Library of Congress assigns source codes for many lists. The source code from any applicable list may be used in subfield 2. This handout includes the most commonly used: *lcsh†, lcshac†,* and *sears‡*. [*Note: italic type is not used in bibliographic records.]*

Adventure fiction1 *gsafd, sears*

Adventure films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Adventure games *lcsh*

Adventure radio programs *gsafd, sears*

Adventure stories1 *lcsh*

Adventure television programs *gsafd, sears*

Allegories *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Alternative histories (Fiction) *gsafd, sears*

Animated films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Animated television programs *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Arthurian romances *gsafd, lcshac, lcsh, sears*

Autobiographical fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Bible fiction *gsafd, sears*

Bible films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Bible plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Bildungsroman *lcsh*

Bildungsromans2 *gsafd, sears*

Biographical drama *lcsh*

Biographical fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Biographical films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Biographical radio programs *gsafd, sears*

Biographical television programs *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Black humor (Literature) *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Caricatures and cartoons *lcsh*

Cartoons and caricatures *sears*

Cartoons and comics *lcshac*

Christian drama *lcsh*

Christian fiction3 *gsafd, lcsh,sears*

Christian poetry *lcsh*

Christmas drama4 *lcsh*

Christian films *lcsh*

Christmas plays4 *lcsh*

[*Christmas poetry*5]

Christmas stories6 *lcsh*

Comedies *gsafd, sears*

Comedy films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Comedy programs *lcsh*

Comedy radio programs7 *gsafd, sears*

Comedy television programs8 *gsafd, sears*

Comic books, strips, etc. 9 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Detective and mystery comic books,

strips, etc. *lcsh*

Detective and mystery films *lcsh*

Detective and mystery plays *lcsh*

Detective and mystery stories10 *lcsh*

Detective and mystery television programs *lcsh*

Didactic drama *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Didactic fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Didactic literature *lcsh*

Didactic poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Domestic fiction *lcsh*

Dystopias *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Elegiac poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Epic fiction *gsafd, sears*

Epic films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Epic literature *lcsh, sears*

Epic poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Epistolary fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Epistolary poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Erotic comic books, strips, etc. *gsafd, lcsh*

Erotic drama *lcsh*

Erotic fiction *gsafd, sears*

Erotic films *gsafd, sears*

Erotic literature *lcsh, sears*

Erotic poetry *gsafd, lcsh sears*

Erotic stories *lcsh*

Fables *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Fairy plays *lcsh*

Fairy poetry *lcsh*

Fairy tales *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Fantasy comedies (Motion pictures) *lcsh*

Fantasy comic books, strips, etc. *lcsh*

Fantasy drama *lcsh*

Fantasy fiction gsafd, *lcsh, sears*

Fantasy films *lcsh, sears*

Fantasy literature *lcsh*

Fantasy poetry *lcsh, sears*

Fantasy radio programs *sears*

Fantasy television programs *lcsh, sears*

Farces *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Feature films *gsafd, lcsh*

Feature stories *lcsh*

Film noir *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Folklore *gsafd, lcsh, lcshac, sears*

Gangster films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Ghost plays *lcsh*

Ghost stories11 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Gothic fiction *gsafd*

Gothic literature *lcsh*

Gothic novels *sears*

Gothic revival (Literature) *lcsh*

Historical drama *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Historical fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Historical films *gsafd, lcsh*

Historical poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Horror comic books, strips, etc. *lcsh*

Horror fiction12 *gsafd, sears*

Horror films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Horror plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Horror radio programs *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Horror stories *lcshac*

Horror tales *lcsh*

Horror television programs *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Humorous fiction *gsafd, sears*

Humorous plays *lcshac*

Humorous poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Humorous stories *lcsh*

Imaginary voyages *sears*

Legal drama *gsafd*

Legal drama (Films) *gsafd, sears*

Legal drama (Radio programs) *gsafd, sears*

Legal drama (Television programs) *gsafd, sears*

Legal stories *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Legends *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Love poetry13 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Love stories14 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Medical drama (Films) *gsafd, sears*

Medical drama (Radio programs) *gsafd, sears*

Medical drama (Television programs) *gsafd, sears*

Medical novels *gsafd, sears*

Melodrama *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Melodramatic fiction *gsafd*

Moralities *gsafd, lcsh*

Morality plays *sears*

Motion picture plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Motion picture serials *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Movie novels *gsafd, sears*

Musical fiction *lcsh*

Musical films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Mysteries and miracle plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Mystery and detective plays *lcshac, sears*

Mystery and detective stories *lcshac*

Mystery and detective stories, films, etc. *lcsh*

Mystery and detective television programs *lcshac*

Mystery comic books, strips, etc. *gsafd, sears*

Mystery fiction15,16 *gsafd, sears*

Mystery films *gsafd, sears*

Mystery plays *gsafd*

Mystery radio programs *gsafd, sears*

Mystery television programs17 *gsafd, sears*

Narrative poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Noir fiction *gsafd*

Occult fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Parables *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Passion plays *gsafd, sears*

Passion-plays *lcsh*

Pastoral drama *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Pastoral fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Pastoral literature *lcsh*

Pastoral poetry *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Picaresque literature *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Political fiction *gsafd, lcsh*

Political plays *lcsh*

Political poetry *lcsh*

Political satire *lcsh*

Psychological fiction *gsafd*

Radio and television novels *gsafd, sears*

Radio comedies *lcsh*

Radio plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Radio programs *sears*

Radio programs, Musical *lcsh*

Radio scripts *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Radio serials *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Regency fiction *gsafd*

Regency novels *sears*

Road fiction *gsafd*

Road films *lcsh*

Robinsonades *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Romances *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Romans à clef *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Romantic suspense fiction *gsafd*

Romantic suspense novels *sears*

Satire *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Science comic books, strips, etc. *gsafd*

Science fiction *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Science fiction comic books, strips, etc. *sears*

Science fiction films *lcsh, sears*

Science fiction plays *lcsh, sears*

Science fiction poetry *lcsh, sears*

Science fiction radio programs *lcsh, sears*

Science fiction television programs *lcsh, sears*

Science films *gsafd, lcsh*

Science plays *gsafd*

Science poetry *gsafd*

Science radio programs *gsafd*

Science television programs *gsafd, lcsh*

Sea poetry *sears*

Sea stories *gsafd lcsh, sears*

Short films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Short stories *gsafd, lcshac, lcsh, sears*

Silent films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Spy films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Spy radio programs *gsafd, sears*

Spy stories *gsafd, lcshac, lcsh, sears*

Spy television programs *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Stream of consciousness fiction *lcsh*

Superhero comic books, strips, etc. *gsafd, sears*

Superhero films *gsafd, sears*

Superhero radio programs *gsafd, sears*

Superhero television programs *gsafd, sears*

Superman films *lcsh, sears*

Suspense fiction *gsafd, lcsh*

Suspense films *gsafd*

Suspense radio programs *gsafd*

Suspense television programs *gsafd*

Tall tales *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Television movies *gsafd, sears*

Television plays *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Television scripts *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Television serials *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Tragedies *gsafd, sears*

Utopian fiction *gsafd, sears*

Variety films *gsafd*

Variety shows *gsafd*

Variety shows (Radio programs) *gsafd, sears*

Variety shows (Television programs)

*gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Voyages, Imaginary18 *gsafd, lcsh*

War films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

War poetry19 *lcsh, sears*

War radio programs *gsafd, sears*

War stories20 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

War television programs *gsafd, sears*

Western comic books, strips, etc.

*gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Western films *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Western radio programs *gsafd, lcsh*

Western stories21 *gsafd, lcsh, sears*

Western television programs *lcsh*

Westerns (Radio programs) *sears*

Westerns (Television programs) *sears*

**Similar terms used as topical subject matter with a form subdivision (650, subfields a and v), and**

**alternate forms filed under other letters of the alphabet:**

1 Adventure and adventurers—Fiction *lcshac, sears*

2 Coming of age—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

3 Christian life—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

4 Christmas—Drama (*sears:* 650av)

5 Christmas—Poetry (*lcsh, sears:* 650av)

6 Christmas—Fiction (*lcshac, sears*: 650av)

7 Radio comedies *lcsh*

8 Television comedies *lcsh*

9 Cartoons and comics *lcshac*

10 Mystery and detective stories *lcshac*

11 Ghosts—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

12 Horror—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

13 Love—Poetry (*lcshac*: 650av)

14 Love—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

15 Detective and mystery stories, [films, etc.] *lcsh*

16 Mystery and detective stories *lcshac*

17 Mystery and detective television programs *lcshac*

18 Imaginary voyages *sears*

19 War—Poetry (*lcshac*: 650av)

20 War—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

21 West (U.S.)—Fiction (*lcshac*: 650av)

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